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## A Message from the Detachment Commander



Greetings!

To begin with, I would like to say I am honored to become the Detachment Commander for the Sons of the American Legion. I would like to thank all of my friends and family, the Great First District, my home Squadron #300 and my girlfriend, Michelle, for all of their support these past few years. I would not be here today, if it were not for the support of all of you.

I was recently invited to the Dayton VA Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day Service. I was a guest speaker among The American Legion Department Commander, The American Legion Auxiliary Department President, and Boy Scouts, & Girl Scouts. After the service was completed, flags were distributed and displayed throughout the cemetery on the resting places of our fallen heroes. I received a pin from the Dayton VA Cemetery, and another pin which was handmade by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This handmade pin was in a plastic bag holding a plastic soldier, standing in a war stance, with five floating stars. It is amazing how something so simple could so strongly represent our Veterans and the freedom we have today. It was an honor to be invited and to be a part of this ceremony, and I hope if any of you are given the chance to attend in future years, you will be able to find the time.

In the next few weeks, I will be attending the Buckeye Boys State & Buckeye Girls State as a guest speaker. I cannot express enough how wonderful it is to watch these kids learn about our government. To be able to watch them learn what teamwork and leadership is and practice this while campaigning and building their own “empires” is absolutely amazing and refreshing for what our future will hold.

I am still taking orders for my shirt; the form is on the website, and you can call me with any questions.

The Commander’s Homecoming will be September 23, 2017 at Squadron #300 in Napoleon, OH. There are flyers on the website with all the details. Again, feel free to contact me with any questions.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Officers and Committeemen for their support and for being by my side in this upcoming year. I am also looking forward to working with the new Auxiliary President and Department Commander when elected at Convention in July. I hope to see everyone there!

God Bless,  
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## First Vice-Commander



Hi Fellow SAL Members!

Congratulations to Evan Mahlman our newly elected Detachment Commander and to our now past Commander Dan Finnell on an upstanding year. Also congratulations to Second Vice-Commander

Bernie Kessler and to Chaplain Doug Hancock on their elections. Ticket sales for the state raffle started out slow, but did pick up at the end, as Districts turned in their sales. A special shout out to Mike for all his help. He even tried to sell me my own tickets! After all is said and done we were able to give ALL the profits of \$2,600 to Child Welfare.

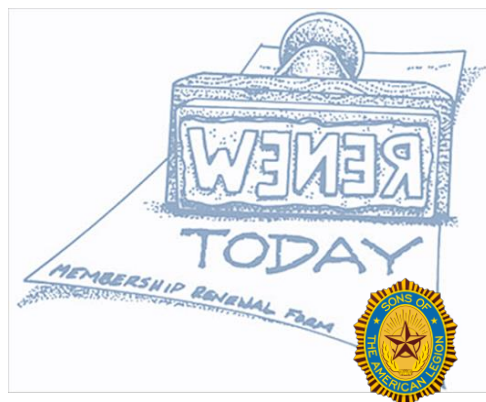
The Grand Prize Winner was ticket 1642 Gary Palmer. Second Prize Winner was Robert Showalter. Other Winners were: Squadron 417, Squadron 733, Bob Tabury, Steve Masovick, and once again Robert Showalter.

On Memorial Day weekend I had the honor to represent our Detachment at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, then on Monday Memorial Day in our local Post parade. I drove one of our Veteran members who is a current member of our Post Color Guard, then later to be a part of the Post 703 Post Everlasting Program where I gave the names of our five SAL members who have transferred to Squadron Everlasting.

My program this year is "PLUS ONE." If everyone can recruit just one new member, whether it is a Son, Veteran, or Auxiliary member. Think how our numbers would grow!

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your confidence in me to elect me as your First Vice-Commander. I promise I will do my best!

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## Second Vice-Commander



The role of Detachment Second Vice-Commander is to oversee activities and fundraising. The role is the same whether you are on the Detachment, District, or Squadron level. You need to be creative and think “outside the box” at times.

What are we doing to get new, potential members into our Squadrons? Most raffle tickets that are sold to promote our organization are sold to our members. While The American Legion wants the Sons to be successful, I believe that they would want us to also do what we can to increase the ranks of our Legion Family. Retaining members will not matter if our Post struggles to keep their doors open.

For close to a year now, we have been hearing the message, “Knowledge is Power”. Does your Squadron know the programs of our parent organization? Are you able to go out into your community and tell people “why we matter?”

How are we promoting our Squadrons and Posts? Do we have activities close to major holidays? Bike rides, 5K Runs, and Poker Runs are activities that have the potential of bringing new faces into your canteen. Does the general public in your area know what The American Legion supports? Think about what you can do.

Now, a little about fundraising, we are having a statewide raffle. I will have tickets at our Summer DEC meeting and the drawing will be at the Mid-winter conference in January. The theme for this year is, “Be a Sport, Support Legion Charities!” There will be tickets for many different sporting events in all parts of Ohio for the spring, summer, and fall of 2018. Tickets will be less costly than in the past few years...\$2.00 each or a book of 6 for \$10.00. Watch for flyers in early August.

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## Chaplain's Corner

I would like to thank my fellow Sons for your confidence and kind words of support in electing me as your Chaplain. I will do my best to fulfill my duties throughout the year in the proud tradition of our organization.

For God and Country,

Doug Hancock, Chaplain  
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## DETACHMENT EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio have several email addresses available to reach your Detachment representatives. These addresses will be passed from one office holder to the next so you can always get in touch with the current person. The addresses are listed below:

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## Adjutant's Notes



### NEW DETACHMENT OFFICERS ELECTED

Congratulations to Ohio's new officers for 2017-2018: Evan Mahlman, Commander; Dale Anderson, First Vice-Commander; Bernie Kessler, Second Vice-Commander; and Doug Hancock, Chaplain.

### NEW OFFICER CERTIFICATION & OLD MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Just as the Detachment of Ohio has recently installed its new Officers for 2018, all our Districts and Squadrons should have done so as well. If you haven't yet sent your Officer Certification Forms to Detachment Headquarters, please get them in now (they were due May 1). We need to update our contact lists, and your Squadron won't receive its 2018 membership cards until the report is filed.

Note that effective from now forward, you no longer need to return your old cards to HQ – they actually don't want them back! Please hold on to them in case you get late payments for 2017 so you can issue the card. I suggest destroying whatever you have left after January, 2018.

### 2017 CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORTS

Dropping the previous requirement to return your unused cards has been replaced with a stronger push to submit your Consolidated Squadron (and District) Reports to headquarters. We are asking that they be filed by July 1 in order to receive your 2018 cards in the first batch of deliveries – assuming your officers are certified.

The American Legion uses the data provided on the reports to help demonstrate to the U.S. Congress just how much we do in support of our nation's Veterans and children when the National Commander appears before it. Please submit the CSR form as soon as you can, even if you only update your membership data at the top, and make sure to use your paid membership counts for this year and last – not "2017" and "2016."

### SUMMER D.E.C. MEETING – JULY 15, 2017

The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 AM at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, Ohio 43015. All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders, and District First Vice-Commanders are required to attend. Among other

business we will approve the final slate of delegates, alternates and guests for the National Convention.

I would ask everyone who will be giving a report at the D.E.C. meeting to file a copy with me (electronically, if possible) to facilitate the preparation of the minutes in a timely fashion. This really makes things much easier.

### 2017 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 18-20

The 46<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion will be held in Reno, Nevada. All members listed and approved as delegates at the Detachment Convention should have received housing reservation forms by now. It is also available on the [OhioLegion.com](http://OhioLegion.com) website. Please make note of the filing deadline: July 11<sup>th</sup>. **This is not a postmark date.** Any reservations not received at Department Headquarters by that date will not be guaranteed rooms with our delegation.

When making your travel plans, please keep in mind that the opening session of the convention is at 1:00 PM Mountain Daylight Time on Friday and the parade is on Sunday afternoon. All delegates are required to attend all three convention sessions and the parade, unless specifically excused by the delegation chairman, PDC Dan Finnell. Any absences will be reflected in a reduced stipend after the convention. For the parade, please wear the light blue Ohio S.A.L. shirt and khaki shorts.

If you have any questions about the Reno convention, please contact me or Department S.A.L. Liaison Brenda McGowan and we will get them answered for you.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

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## National Executive Committeeman



Great Job Ohio!!

It was good to see all of you at the Detachment Convention in Marietta. District 11 did a great job and everyone had a good time. Everyone had a great time on the boat ride. Thank you District 11 members for your great hospitality!

We enjoyed spending time with National Commander Jeff Frain. He said he enjoyed his time in Ohio with the members. He said our Chairmen did a great job covering the programs. He was impressed with how we do things. He finds it interesting to visit different states and see how the members conduct their meetings, participate in the programs and the activities that they hold.

I want to thank Alt. NEC Steve Honigfort and Adj. Scott Thornton for getting Jeff to and from the airport and for all you did that weekend. Both of you do a great job.

Thank you to PDC Dan Finnell for leading our members to another successful year. Congratulations to all of you who won awards or were recognized for your achievements this past year. I want to thank all of you who made the commitment and held an office or Chairmanship in the Squadrons and Districts.

To Evan and all of the Officers and Chairmen, I wish you a successful upcoming year. Congratulations to Doug Hancock as the new Detachment Chaplain. I hope all of you are able to achieve your goals in the positions that you hold.

The 2018 Detachment Convention will be held in Independence and the 2019 Detachment Convention will be held in Mansfield.

Thank you for everything all you do for our military persons and veterans! Have a great year!

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## Child Welfare Foundation



May 31 marked the end of the CWF donation year. There's some good news and some bad news. The good is that this will be a record year for CWF donations nationwide. SAL National Commander Jeff Frain made CWF his charity for the year, and challenged several states to top his home Detachment of Arizona. Indiana rose to that challenge and as of this moment I don't know who won. CWF Executive Secretary Jason Kees has decided not to announce the final numbers until National Convention in Reno.

In Ohio, at our Detachment Convention, you brought in checks for over \$3,000.00. You brought in 38 CWF piggy banks with close to \$600.00 in them. And you purchased CWF merchandise that raised the total made on that to over \$1300.00.

On Friday, May 26, Headquarters sent a check for \$22,000.00 to Indianapolis. Together with the \$18,000.00 already submitted our total for this year will be in the neighborhood of \$43,000.00. Our goal was \$1.15 per capita and we easily passed that. Thank you! However, we failed to raise what has become "our usual" \$50,000+ for the first time in several years. Let's see if we can get back to "our usual" this year.

Thank you to all the Squadrons and Districts that donated, to the people who donated items for raffles, to the people who circulated the piggy banks (Yes, you will see them again at the July DEC), and to everyone who helped me this year. I promise I'll try harder.

I hope to have some firmer numbers at the July DEC as Jason Kees has said he might drop some of the numbers before National Convention that don't relate to Arizona and Indiana.

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American Legion  
Child Welfare Foundation



## Finance Update



Hi! As the new Finance Chairman, we are getting things together to give The American Legion Department of Ohio our budget. If you have anything, please let Scott or me know. Thanks!

PDC Craig Smith, Chairman  
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## Legislative Update



We must keep on our elected officials to keep them trying to get the VA backlog eliminated. We have too many Veterans that are waiting for help. We should be all of pushing this!

PDC Craig Smith, Chairman  
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## POW•MIA



Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who sold tickets or purchased tickets for our POW/MIA 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War Henry Golden Boy. We were able to raise \$3,760.00 for POW/MIA Chairs of Honor to be placed around the Detachment of Ohio. Congratulations to Loudonville Squadron 257 for winning the weapon

I have 4 submissions for placement and another set aside for possible placement at an NHL Hockey arena. With the funds raised, we should be able to acquire 7 chairs along with plaques. I have a submission from the NW, NE, Central and SE. I will be contacting a Squadron in the SW for possible placement of one there. I have another submission from the 5th District which leaves 1 more possible site of placement. Any Squadron or District wanting to have the final chair, please contact me and if more than one submission is turned in, we'll draw out of a hat at the July DEC meeting.

Please note that if you District or Squadron has put in for one of these chairs, that Squadron or District will be responsible for getting permission and setting up the

placement. The Detachment will pay for the chair and plaque, but the rest is up to you. Thanks again for your support and be looking for a possible raffle again in the future!

With Memorial Day just passing and Summer starting to show, I ask all of you to remember those who serve and those who have paid the price for the freedoms we all have! There are so many still unaccounted for, so pray and assist in any way possible to get out the awareness that we will not rest until they all come home!

For God and Country!

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## Special Olympics



Gentlemen I would like to thank you for all the hard work with donations and volunteer hours this year for Special Olympics; also thank you Past Commander Finnell for the opportunity to work during his year as Commander.

As we all know, the Special Olympics Summer State Games are approaching, and are being held June 23 to 25. This year we will not be attending Tent Town but will supply the awards for the Athletes and will be handing them out. For this reason we will need all the volunteers that can make it to the games this year to help with the award presentations to the Athletes.

Thank you all again for all your hard work.

For God and Country

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## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



### VA & R

**Sandusky OVH.** The Fifth District held a Pizza & Bingo party on April 15, and gave out cash prizes to the bingo winners. New London

Squadron 292 gave out Girl Scout cookies and 733 Bettsville handed out Easter candy left over from there Easter egg hunt to all the Veterans. There were plenty of volunteers. Fun was had by all. The 5<sup>th</sup> District

bought and delivered a pin ball machine for their rec hall. All the VA hospitals and homes have a wish list and accept cash donations.



**Cleveland Fisher House.** The targeted time window for groundbreaking is early 2017 with a build window of 10 – 12 months. They have not broken ground yet. The delay the last I knew was land contract transfers. They have announced the new design will now actually be two homes. With 12-14 suites and will accommodate up to 50 family members. The houses will be built adjacent to the grounds of the Louis Stokes VA Center.

Funds donated going forward will be used to purchase deep-discounted airlines tickets for Fisher House families traveling to and from Cleveland (done through the Fisher House Hero Miles program). Funds will also be used to obtain “entertainment values” for the families in the community such as museum passes, Goodtime cruise tickets, tickets for family events at Quicken Loans Arena, etc. Finally, funds will be used to assist Fisher House families with children who may educational scholarship needs.

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## Detachment Convention Re-Cap



2017 SAL Advisor of the Year Gary Boden, American Legion Post #257, Loudonville with Detachment Commander Dan Finnell.



Assistant National Adjutant Scott Thornton, National Executive Committeeman Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, National Commander Jeff Frain, and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Steve Honigfort after the meeting on Saturday, May 21, 2017 at the Detachment Convention in Marietta.

During the Boat Ride on Saturday night at the Detachment Convention, Detachment Dan Finnell presented a check to The American Legion Department of Ohio Commander Ron "Chappy" Chapman for his special project Veterans' TBI/PTSD treatment. A check was presented to The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio President Denise Conrad for her special project Military Assistance Fund.

## 2017 Detachment Award Winners

Lawrence Hartline Award	Lafayette Squadron 27	Gallipolis District 8
Tom Getz Award	Ironton Squadron 433	Ironton District 7
George Powell Award	Russell McElfresh Squadron 149	Franklin District 4
Robert McBride Award	Leo Ryan Squadron 58	Somerset District 8
John Taylor Award	Squadron 615	Waynesville District 4
Ed Van Houten, Jr. Award	Homer Pierson Squadron 207	Willshire District 2
William Welsh Award	Ironton Squadron 433	Ironton District 7
Greatest % of Membership Attending	E. B. Rinehart Squadron 754	Shauk District 6
Farthest Traveled to Attend (in miles)	Ward L. Adams Squadron 454	Ridgville Corners District 1
Robert Mendoza Award – Most New Squadrons	Jerry Bryan Sr. Post 532	Columbus District 12
Robert Mendoza Award – Highest % of Quota Squadrons	Jim Monroe Post 450	Milford District 4
Best Historian's Report	Mt. Washington Squadron 484	Cincinnati District 4
Best Scrapbook	Mt. Washington Squadron 484	Cincinnati District 4
Betty McAdow Activities Award	Louden Squadron 257	Loudonville District 5
Americanism Award	Whitehouse Squadron 384	Whitehouse District 1
Pat Shea Child Welfare Award	Spirit of '76 Squadron 8	Wellington District 5
Butch Badgett Memorial Gifts for Yanks Award	Spirit of '76 Squadron 8	Wellington District 5
Richard S. Riviotta, Sr. Rehabilitation Award	Ross County Squadron 62	Chillicothe District 7
Al Brick Advisor of the Year	Gary Boden Post 257	Loudonville District 5
Earl Cox Outstanding S.A.L. Member of the Year	Jeff Vrabel, Jr. Squadron 15	Poland District 9
Commander's Program Award	Franklin Squadron 1	Columbus District 12
	Bellaire Squadron 52	Bellaire District 11
	Ross County Squadron 62	Chillicothe District 7
	Charles Faust Squadron 281	Akron District 14
	Russell Chadwick Squadron 389	Beverly District 11



L to R Pres. Denise Conrad, PDC Gary Lang, PDC Rob Brewer, Cmdr. Dan Finnell, Legion Dept. Cmdr. Ron "Happy" Chapman, Legion Dept. SAL Advisor Skip Craun, PDC Randy Eicher and PDC Bill Towns

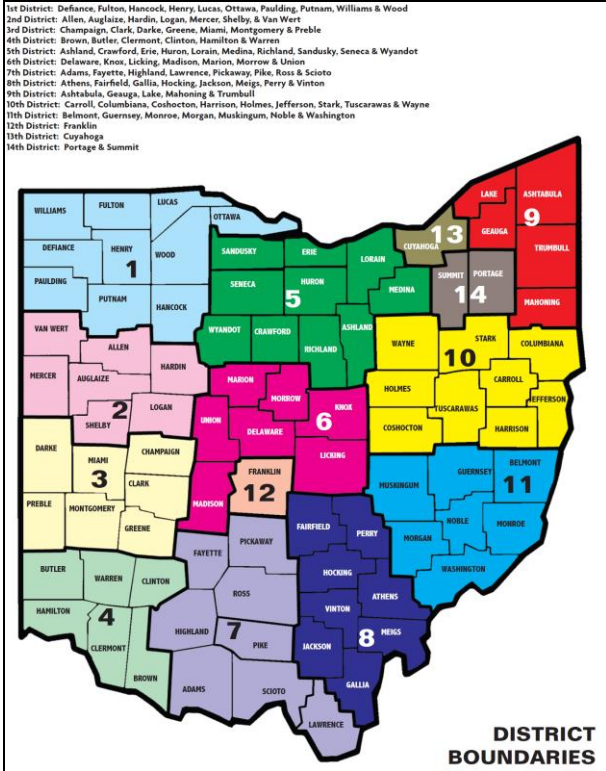


Newly elected and installed Commander Evan Mahlmann addresses the delegation on May 22, 2017.



Installation of the 2017-2018 SAL Detachment Officers.





**Fifth District**

At the conclusion of the grave decorating ceremony, attendees were asked to stay for a military funeral for Retired Captain James E. Riddle born Dec 23, 1942 and died Sept. 22, 2006. Capt. Riddle was a 20 year retiree of the U.S. Army. The story about him started with a couple finding the ashes of a veteran in a house they rented. Through the landlord, this couple located a family member. When the family member was approached about the ashes, he didn't want them and put them in the trash. This couple retrieved the ashes, contacted the Akron Service Officer, who in turn contacted the Western Reserve National Cemetery Director Matt. After through research to make sure Capt. Riddle was eligible to be buried in the National Cemetery, the military service was conducted by the 555th Parachute Infantry Association known as the Triple Nickel. Now Capt. James Riddle will be laid to rest in honor.



The couple who found and cared about a veteran, receive his American flag during the military service.



The Grave Decorating Ceremony at Western Reserve National Cemetery was held on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

Judge Advocate Bill Towns, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Dakota Sutterlin Squadron 257, Detachment IVC Dale Anderson, Detachment 2VC Bernie Kessler



Pictured here is Litter Pickup Chairman Brad Swires on State Route 3 south of Loudonville. The Squadron has a 2-mile section of road that they do litter pickup four times a year. Also participating was PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Chaz James, Jack Bowersock, Rusty

Dial, and Josh Randolph. All met at SAL Advisor Gary Boden's home for lunch after the pickup.

Loudonville Squadron #257 members are shown at the Loudonville Cemetery at the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29, 2017. In attendance but not in this picture is Ralph Adams, PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Rick Eggerton. The members participated in the Loudonville parade and service, Perrysville parade and service at Perrysville Union Cemetery and a service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Perrysville.



L to R: Josh Randolph, Doug Smith, Timothy Hartman, Rusty Dial, Dakota Sutterlin, Jack Bowersock with Legion Color Guard Commander Bud Dawson.

## Ninth District

Bob Fratino, SAL Squadron 214, Willoughby, Ohio First Vice-Commander, and his wife Susan, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 214 Willoughby, Ohio President host a weekly radio show entitled "They Sacrificed for Us." The show addresses issues and topics related to Veterans. Since the show's inception in April, 2017, guests have included members of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, veteran-related financial planners, the President of an organization that connects service dogs to recently returned Veterans, as well as Veterans themselves.



The show airs every Tuesday evening between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Cleveland area on 1330 AM, 101.5 FM and streaming live at [www.WINTRadio.com](http://www.WINTRadio.com). Upcoming guests as well as relevant information can be found on Facebook @theysacrificedforusradioshow.

Bob Fratino - 1st Vice Commander  
Squadron 214, Willoughby

## From the Editor



Gentlemen,

I am honored to have been asked again to be the Editor of *The Ohio SALute*. We have a great publication, and we always have good content.

It is vital that we continue to make submissions on time. We can make this newsletter as big or as small as we want to, but I believe the more information we can publish, the better it make the GREAT Detachment of Ohio look in the eyes of other Detachments, as well as on the National level.

Remember that this is YOUR newsletter, and everyone should contribute. We can publish just about anything; raffles, events, photos, etc.

As a reminder, when submitting information via email, please send in Word format, and in standard sentence structure and appearance (no need for all CAPS). If I need something in a different format, I will contact you. Photos should be submitted in jpeg format in the highest resolution possible. Photos showing alcohol will not be printed.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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# The Ohio SALute

Deadlines for future editions of  
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**August 31, 2017**  
**November 30, 2017**  
**February 28, 2018**

**Why We Don't Walk Between The Colors  
This Is Hallowed Ground**

Between these flags that proudly fly  
Let no man dare to stand  
For here our fallen comrades lie, this is hallowed land.

A symbol, yes, but mark it well;  
Here let us ever humbly pause  
In memory of the lads who fell  
In fighting for our sacred cause.



On sea or land these buddies died,  
Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
In spots unknown to all but God.  
And so, this place is hallowed ground.  
And it shall be forever blest  
As though it were a grassy mound  
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaires,  
Of these flags which signify  
That we should guard this spot with care  
Where our departed comrades lie.  
And, if a man should dare to tread  
This spot where lie our gallant Brave,  
He desecrated those noble dead  
As though he walked upon their grave.



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**2017-2018 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio Shirt Order Form**

Incoming Detachment Commander Evan Mahlman is now accepting orders for the 2017-2018 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio shirts.



- ★ The shirt will be a light blue, button-down style with a pocket.
- ★ The S.A.L. emblem will be embroidered above the pocket with OHIO above the emblem and the year below it.
- ★ When ordering XL / 2XL / 3XL sizes you have the option of getting it in a TALL as well.
- ★ Costs:
  - ★ S / M / L / XL(T) / 2XL(T) = \$30.00 each
  - ★ 3XL(T) - 6XL(T) = additional \$1.00 per "X"
- ★ You may have your first name embroidered on the right side for an additional \$3.00.

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